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METHODS TO FORM SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2007, setting a three-month statutory period for response, and is further being submitted for consideration based on the telephonic/email correspondences between the Examiner and the Applicants' legal representative, Mohammad S. Rahman, on May 11-23, 2007 in which the amended claimed language was discussed and agreed. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: